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SUBJ: ZANU (SITHOLE) RESPONSE TO OAU RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT

1. JULY 6 PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY SITHOLE FACTION OF ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (ZANU) AND SIGNED BY ZANU SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION J.H.M. MASANGOMAI IN LUSAKA CONTAINED SITHOLE'S REACTION TO RECENT OAU RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT. RELEASE CLAIMS OAU MOVE WAS NO SURPRISE BECAUSE OAU HAS IN FACT ACCORDED DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO PF SINCE SEPTEMBER 1976 VIA "FULL DIPLOMATIC, MATERIAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT." STATEMENT CHARGED FRONTLINE STATES HAVE CREATED AND OAU HAS GRANTED "MISGUIDED RECOGNITION" TO SIMILAR UNITED "GHOST MOVEMENTS" IN PAST SUCH AS FROLIZI, ANC (MUZOREWA), JOINT MILITARY COMMAND, AND POLITICAL COUNCIL OF ZIMBABWE. ZANU POINTED OUT THAT FRONTLINE STATES EMPLOY COERCION TO CREATE "UNITARY ORGANIZATIONS," NKOMO IS ALWAYS INVOLVED, THE "BOGUS BODIES" ARE REJECTED BY

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ZIMBABWEANS, AND "ON FRONTLINE STATE HAS NOT ONLY BEEN CONSTANT IN VIGOROUSLY CHAMPIONING THEIR SOLE RECOGNITION BY THE OAU, BUT HAS ALSO RELENTLESSLY CAMPAIGNED FOR THE DE-RECOGNITION OF THESE FRONTS ONCE THE HAND OF JOSHUA NKOMO APPEARED TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND ON HIS OWN." PRESS RELEASE ENDS WITH NOTE THAT ZANU IS NOT WORRIED BECAUSE, AS IN PAST, "COVER FRONTS FOR FOREIGNERS' EVIL

MACHINATIONS" USUALLY DISSOLVE AFTER OAU RECOGNITION.

2. COMMENT: ZANU'S DIRECT ATTACK ON NKOMO, INDIRECT BUT
CLEARLY AIMED CRITICISM OF ZAMBIA, AND ITS REPEATED EMPHASIS
ON UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY SURROUNDING
STATES MAY PORTEND FUTURE THEME OF SITHOLE DEFENSE IN THE
EVENT HE ENTERS INTO INDEPENDENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SMITH.
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